Colorado Benefits Infographic – T Visa,
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T Visa Children[1]

Without regard to immigration status eligible for the following:

- **In-state tuition and financial aid at state and private post-secondary colleges and universities**
- **Cover All Coloradans provides full scope medical assistance, prenatal care, and 12 months post-partum care to children under age 19 and pregnant persons;**
- **Colorado Indigent Care provides health care to income eligible persons (including during the 5-year bar);**
- **Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise -state funded health insurance for income eligible persons;**
- **Reproductive health care (including contraception and counseling; and**
- **Colorado Hospital Discounted Care includes screening, payment plans, and collections protection.**
- **All children are eligible for K-12 public education regardless of immigration status**

Zero Months: At Filing:

6 Months after Filing:
Bona Fide Determination (*Qualified Immigrant and Lawfully Present*)

- Work Authorization, **Real IDs, Driver's License, Unemployment, Public and Assisted Housing, - LIHEAP, Federal Student Aid, Medicaid[2], SSI[3], TANF,**

29.5 Months (2.5 years) after Filing: Approval

29.5 to 66 Months (2.5 to 5.5 years) after Filing for T Visa: 36 Months (3 Years)[4] after Approval: Can Apply for Lawful Permanent Residency (Green Card)

6 to 9 Years after Filing for T Visa; 29.5-42.5 Months[5] after Application for Lawful Permanent Residence:
Issued Lawful Permanent Residence (Green Card)
-SNAP (up to age 18)

11 to 14 Years[6] after Filing for T Visa; 5 Years after Lawful Permanent Residence:
Can Apply for Naturalization

11.9 to 14.9 Years[7] after Filing For T Visa; 11 Months After Applying for Naturalization[8]:
Naturalization Approved

*State funded available prior to meeting federal: 5-year bar, 40 quarters, and/or lawful permanent residence requirements.
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[1] Child is up to age 21 under immigration law. For public benefits age limit varies by benefits program see state public benefits charts.
[2] Victims with T visa bona fide determinations or T visas eligible with no 5-year bar. After October 1, 2026 will require lawful permanent residence.
[3] Eligible only for the first 7 years after T visa receipt or bona fide determination.
[4] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.
[5] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.
[6] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.
[7] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.
[8] Wait time is 11 months at the Denver Field Office.

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T Visa Adults

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Zero Months: At Filing:

6 Months after Filing:
Bona Fide Determination (*Qualified Immigrant and Lawfully Present*)

- Work Authorization, **Real IDs, Driver's License, Unemployment, Public and Assisted Housing, -LIHEAP, Federal Student Aid, Medicaid[9], SSI[10], TANF,** **Old Age Pension Health and Medical Fund**

29.5 Months (2.5 years) after Filing: Approval

29.5 to 66 Months (2.5 to 5.5 years) after Filing for T Visa:
36 Months (3 Years)[11] after Approval:
Can Apply for Lawful Permanent Residency (Green Card)

6.0 to 9.0 Years after Filing for T Visa; 29.5-42.5 Months[12] after Filing for T Visa; 42.5 Months after Application for Lawful Permanent Residence:
Issued Lawful Permanent Residence (Green Card)
-SNAP[13]

11.0 to 14.0 Years[14] after Filing for T Visa; 5 Years after Lawful Permanent Residence:
Can Apply for Naturalization

11.9 to 14.9 Years[15] after Filing For T Visa; 11 Months After Applying for Naturalization[16]:
Naturalization Approved

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[11] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval

[12] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.

[13] Must have met 5-year bar, be disabled, elderly if entered the US before 8/22/96, or earned 40 quarters (10 years) of work credit since work authorization.

[14] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.

[15] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.

[16] Wait time is 11 months at the Denver Field Office.